

**CLAIMS LISTING:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating the breath of a test subject, comprising the following steps:
  - a) ~~collection of~~ collecting a breath sample from the test subject in a container,
  - b) condensating moisture from the breath sample thereby reducing a ~~reduction of the~~ microbial load of the breath sample contained in the container, and then
  - c) ~~evaluation by a tester of~~ evaluating the breath sample collected in the container.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that, in step a), the container is filled with breath by the test subject against atmospheric pressure by exhalation.
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a volume of the container is variable, ~~the container preferably being collapsible.~~
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the container possesses an internal surface made of an odourless material.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the container is filled with 20 ml to 7 l of breath in step a).
6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the microbial load is reduced by condensation of moisture from the breath sample in the container.
7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the temperature of the breath sample is adjusted to a value of 20°C to 40°C before performing step c).

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the test subject fills the container in step a) by exhaling through the mouth, ~~and preferably after inhaling through the nose.~~
9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the breath sample is anonymised prior to evaluation.
10. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating an oral care product, comprising the following steps:
- a) taking a first breath sample from a test subject by a method according to claim 1,
  - b) subsequently administering the oral care product to the test subject,
  - c) taking an additional breath sample from the test subject using a method according to claim 1 at a pre-selected time after administering the oral care product, and
  - d) ~~comparison~~ comparing of the first and the additional breath sample by a tester.
11. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the container is collapsible.